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DIARY NOTES

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2 September 1965

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. Jack Smith advised that a [REDACTED] Task Force has been established. (I asked [REDACTED] to organize a DD/S emergency support force so a senior officer from each DD/S component will be on alert to support the Task Force. This will be particularly important over the coming weekend.)

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b. Last night two cables were sent from Headquarters [REDACTED] requesting situation reports by 7 a.m. this morning. The [REDACTED] report came in on time, but the [REDACTED] reply did not come in until after 10 a.m. The Director was disturbed about the delay and asked for an explanation. The initial explanation was that the operational immediate cable left [REDACTED] on time but was garbled in transmission. [REDACTED] of the Office of Communications is looking into the matter and will report further.)

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c. I mentioned the possibility of running Project USEFUL this October. The ADD/P had questioned the desirability of conducting the course at this time with its consequent drain on senior DD/P officials. The Joint Chiefs of Staff asked whether the fall course would be run this year; they stated that they would like four months' notice to select candidates for the course. Des Fitzgerald and Bud Wheelon both said that Project USEFUL was of no use to them. [REDACTED] of the War Plans Staff will inform the JCS that the fall session of Project USEFUL will be postponed. However, we have made a commitment to run a course in March or April of 1966. (The Office of Training will conduct a survey in the next few months to determine the general value of this course to the Agency.)

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2. I advised John Bross this morning that an air conditioner will be installed in his Agency car.

3. [REDACTED] called to say that, according to [REDACTED] Bill Elliott of the Office of Emergency Planning requested a classification specialist because OEP's clerk is incompetent. Our classification specialists are well pressed by their own work loads, so I advised [REDACTED] to tell Bill Elliott that we cannot meet his request at this time.

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